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Identical letters dated 1 August 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I am writing to inform you of the continued obstruction of humanitarian access and attacks on humanitarian and relief workers by the Houthi rebel militias and forces loyal to the former President of Yemen, Ali Abdullah Saleh, in contravention and violation of international law and international humanitarian law and the relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolution 2216 (2015).

On 14 June 2017, Houthi and Saleh forces attacked a three-truck humanitarian convoy of the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre en route to deliver food items to the Bayda' governorate. The attack took place in the governorate of Ma'rib and resulted in the injuring of three humanitarian workers and the destruction of 667 food baskets and 53 bags of flour. Furthermore, Houthi rebel militias and forces loyal to the former President, Ali Abdullah Saleh, continue to deny and delay the entry of humanitarian and commercial shipments of essential food items and medical supplies, in addition to continuing to divert aid to support their illegal war activities.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia condemns in the strongest possible terms all attacks on humanitarian and relief workers, the denial of humanitarian access and the obstruction of humanitarian delivery to those most in need of humanitarian assistance. Furthermore, we reiterate that the humanitarian situation will continue to deteriorate in the absence of a political solution. The continued obstruction of the Houthis and forces loyal to the former President, Ali Abdullah Saleh, of the peaceful transitional process serve only to further exacerbate the deleterious humanitarian and health crises faced by Yemen. We fully support the efforts of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen in this regard. We urge the Security Council to take the measures necessary to address in good faith the obstructionist role of the Houthis and their allies and put a stop to their grave violations of international humanitarian law and human rights law and norms and the relevant Security Council resolutions.

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We would appreciate it if the present letter could be circulated to all members of the Security Council and be issued as a document of the Council.

(*Signed*) Abdallah Y. **Al-Mouallimi**
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